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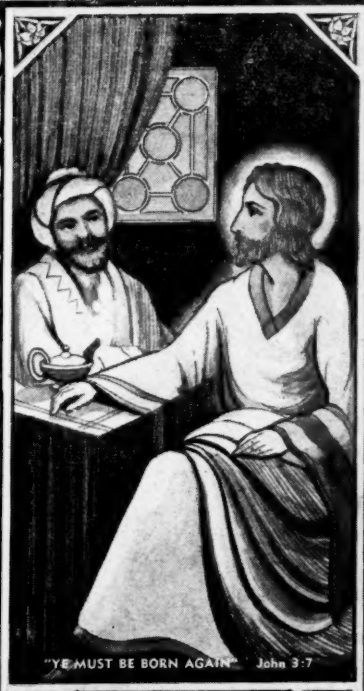
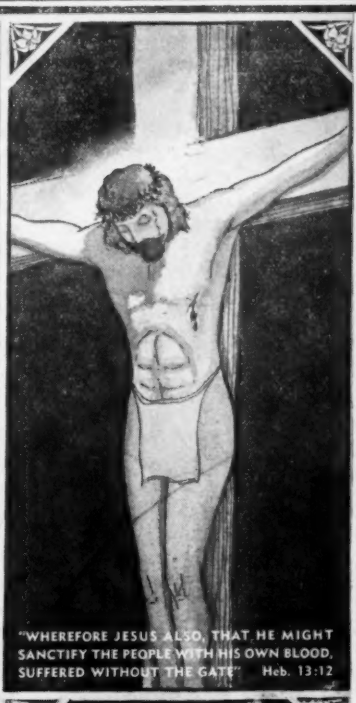


"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7

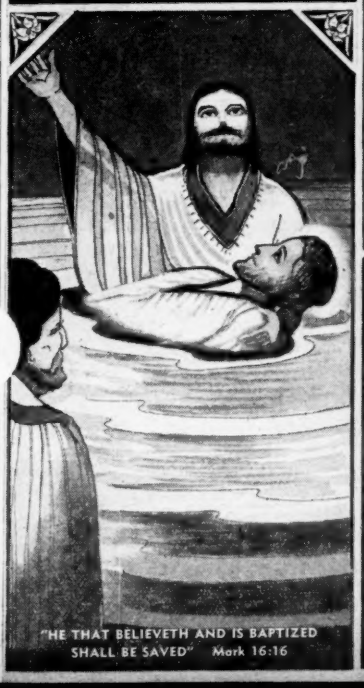
THAT GRAND OLD BOOK

This Book contains the *mind* of God,
The *state* of man from Adam trod.
The *Bible* bears *salvation's* gain,
And tells the doom of sin and stain.
It brings believers *peace* and *rest*,
Its *holy doctrines* are the best.
The *precepts* given always bind,
No truer *stories* can we find;
Its firm *decisions* will not change,
And *wisdom* tops the broadest range.
Believe this Book—make it your *guide*,
Practice *holiness* to abide.
Its words of *light* direct the goal,
And *food* is given to our soul.
This Holy Writ's a *traveler's map*,
A *pilgrim's staff* against mishap . . .
A *pilot's compass* true in every part—
The *soldier's sword*—the *Christian's chart*.
It points to *paradise* to regain,
And truly opens *heaven's reign;*
The *lake* of *fire*—that burning *hell*—
Is just as sure as it can tell.
This Book should *rule* the *heart* of man,
And *guide* the *feet* throughout life's span.
Read it *carefully* day by day,
Read with *prayer* in every way.
A mine of wealth is in this writ,
With crystal gems of mansions bright.
These words of life for every race,
Some day in *judgment* all must face.
The greatest *object* and *design*
Of this good Book is *Christ divine;*
The *searcher* finds *reward* therein,
But triflers reap *defeat* in sin.

—H. L. Motsinger, Creal Springs, Ill.

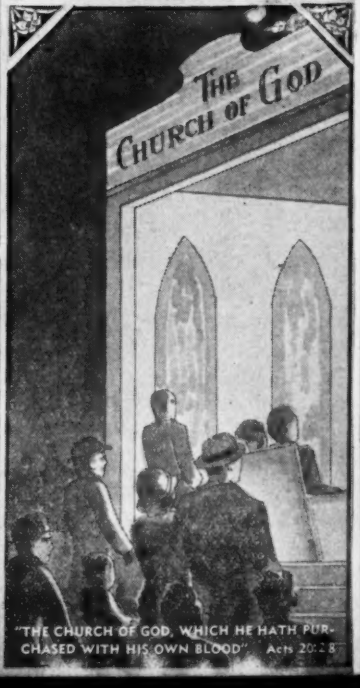


"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16

"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We are again in receipt of a letter from the mission field in which a painful cry is heard from our unfortunate brothers and sisters across the waters who desire just some of your old clothes, and I know that all of us have more or less some things that we are not in need of that would be such a blessing to them. However, our experience in trying to give them the clothing and such things has cost us more in duty than the goods were really worth. It would be so nice if the nations would let these things go free of duty since we are giving it to the people who could not otherwise buy such merchandise and yet are so needy, but they run that part of it and we have to do the best we can. May I suggest that you sell the old goods that you have at some rummage sale or somewhere and send the money instead. God will bless you in this noble work.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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We invite every one to the Memphis, Tenn. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention which will convene Feb. 11, 12. We are expecting Brother Max L. Atkins, state superintendent, to preach one week prior to this convention. If you can't come, pray for it; if you can, come praying and ready to enjoy the blessings of the Trinity.—B. L. Alford, pastor; B. S. Prescott, reporter, 3321 Rosamond, Memphis, Tenn.

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CORRECTION: Our ministers' list here at Headquarters shows that James E. Greene is a Bishop in the Church of God, but through an oversight his name was left out of this year's Minutes.—General Secretary.

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We started a revival here at Uniontown, Pa. Church of God, which is located at High House, Pa., Jan. 24, with Brother Brady Dennis, evangelist. Pray that God will bless us in a mighty way and many precious souls will sweep through to victory.—Mrs. Rose (Lucia) Short and husband, pastor, R. D. 2, c|o J. E. Miller, Smithfield, Pa.

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Dear saints of God in the Church of God scattered abroad everywhere: I have not been in the Church of God for about four years. I have tried everything most in the working line I could do to make an honest living and have made a failure, so I want to get back to work in the Church. If anyone in the Church of God has anything against me, will you please forgive me and write me and let me make it right with you, if I can? I must go the Bible way. Will you go that way with me? Please help me with your prayers. I have not been backslidden, I have been preaching some all the time. Please pray.—Alex Shaffer, Princeton, W. Va.

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State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

We have been working at the State Camp Meeting and State Convention dates for sometime and had hoped to wait until we could work out all the irregularities before the announcement appeared in the paper, but we are submitting the following which seems about the best we can arrange for the present. Of all the requests practically all of them received first choice of their requested date. If there must be any changes the correction will appear later. —J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Arizona State District Meeting—March 10-12.
California-Nevada—March 24-26
Washington-Oregon—April 7-9
Montana—April 13-16
Illinois—April 20-23
South Carolina—April 27-30
Indiana—May 4-7
Maryland-D. C.-Delaware- E. Virginia—May 11-14
Iowa—May 26-28
Annual Gen. Assembly (colored), Jacksonville, Fla.—May 22-28
Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10
Florida State Convention—June 2-3
Pennsylvania—June 9-11
Ohio—June 15-18
North Carolina—June 15-18
Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25
Michigan State Convention—June 23-25
Virginia—June 23-25
Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4
Kansas—June 29-July 2
Northwest Convention—July 1-4
New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9
Missouri—July 7-9
Oklahoma—July 14-16
Mississippi—July 14-16
Arkansas—July 21-23
West Virginia—July 21-23
Kentucky—July 28-30
Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
Texas State Convention—August 4-6
Alabama Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
Alabama State Convention—Aug. 4-6
Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-14
Georgia—August 10-13
Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25
Tennessee—August 17-20
Louisiana—August 24-27
Maine—September 14-17 or Aug. 17-20

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WANTED: A young man to travel with a man and his wife, evangelists. We want one who can make music and lead singing and who is willing to share offerings. We will be ready to start by Feb. 15. Please pray for us that we may win many souls for Jesus. Write us at once. —W. W. Webb, 327 Bluefield Ave., Bluefield, W. Va.

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FOR SALE: One new 40-foot gospel tent. Will sacrifice for $115.00 cash. Complete and made of real good waterproof duck. Write at once, I don't expect to have this bargain very long.—V. E. Hooks, 152 Orchard, Richmond, Ky.

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To our friends: We are pastoring Hueytown church and our address is Bessemer, Ala., Hueyton Station, Box 119.—Harry Kutz.

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To the churches, Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in New Mexico: This is to call your attention to the fact that Brother J. C. McClendon, whose address is Box 173, Jal, N. Mex., is state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E. Please cooperate with him in every way possible. He is doing a splendid work. He has recently closed a revival at Sedan, N. Mex. with good results. I just this day had word from him that he is in a revival in Clayton and having wonderful success. Five were saved in one service and ten in the altar last night and a number seeking the Holy Ghost.—S. J. Wood, overseer of New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, Box 1693, Hobbs, N. Mex.

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This is to notify you that I am in the evangelistic work this year. Anyone desiring me for a revival can get in touch with me at Burdette, Ark., Box 35.—Lester Beasley.

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To whom it may concern: Those who wish to write me concerning the prayer of faith for the healing must first be willing to do what I ask them before writing. If they haven't already cleaned up, they must clean up from the use of tobacco, medicine, intoxicating liquors, make confession and restitution where necessary, recognize the Church of God which is God's Bible Church, pay their tithes when possible and stand for the whole Bible rightly divided, trust God for their healing, live or die, and help to bear the burden of helping others who are unfortunate, and please send self-addressed envelopes or handkerchiefs or cloths with stamps for reply, as I am a very poor man and have no other way to take care of this heavy mailing expense except by freewill offerings. Sometimes I have to borrow money to meet this expense. Whatsoever things that be just, whatsoever things that are right, think on these things. If you don't mean business, please don't write, for this is sacred, blood-bought business and is taken care of in a blood-

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God's Promises Fail Not

BY A. J. SWIFT

Text: John 16:7.

Jesus told His disciples it was far better for Him to go, for if He went not the Comforter would not come. He led them out as far as Bethany and lifted up His hands and blessed them, saying, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49.

My friends, I have been impressed to write this message for some time, as the believer is so much in need of this wonderful blessing. If you obey the Lord by tarrying, as Jesus has told us, you shall receive the promise as He has said.

We will call your attention to Acts, 2nd chapter. His disciples were gathered in the upper room in one mind and one accord when His promise was fulfilled. Acts 2:4 says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." John 15:26, 27 says, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. And ye shall bear witness." So, when we hear Him speak we know He has not failed in His promise.

Some folks say this wonderful promise was for the disciples only. Peter says in Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Praise God, He is still fulfilling His promise today—sanctified hearts are receiving this wonderful promise as they did at Pentecost.

Peter, by obeying the Spirit, carried this wonderful message to the Gentiles, at Cornelius' house, where there were some honest-hearted people assembled together. They, too, received this wonderful promise as they did at Pentecost, Acts 10:44. Great revivals can break out today like Phillip's revival, Acts 8: 14-17.

Dear Brother Preacher, if you and I will keep this great message, the Holy Ghost, before our people and impress it upon their minds, we will have greater Holy Ghost revivals in our churches.

Acts 19th chapter tells us Paul came to Ephesus. He found there some disciples. He asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed. They said unto him, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Paul laid hands on them and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and spake in tongues. So, we see God's promises fail not. It is you and I who fail, and not God.

In Acts 2:13-16 we find where the people mocked the disciples and said, "They are full of new wine. But, Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."

Joel prophesied of this great blessing 530 years before Pentecost. So, we see God is not slack concerning His promises.

Pray for the writer, that God will help me to preach this great truth.

The Last Prayer Meeting and Who Will Be There

BY G. D. McNAIR

An account of the last prayer meeting which will be held in this world is found in Rev. 6:15, 16, also an account of the type and kind of people who will attend. "*And the KINGS OF THE EARTH, and the GREAT MEN, and the RICH MEN, and the CHIEF CAPTAINS, and the MIGHTY MEN, and EVERY BONDMEN, and EVERY FREE MAN, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.*"

In the 15th verse of this reading take notice to the people who will attend this prayer meeting. This type of people now do not attend prayer meeting, they are too busy with the affairs of this life and many of them would even scorn the idea of attending and consider that only poor, ignorant and low type people do attend, but if you will read the preceding verses of this chapter you will notice that this great prayer meeting is taking place after the breaking of the sixth seal. The rapture has already taken place, also the first resurrection, and the people of God have left this world. Can you imagine a prayer meeting without Christians and without people who love God! Yes sir, they are having a prayer meeting without the saints of God. Sure enough, they have a big crowd and those high society class of people have plenty of time to attend. I can picture in my mind empty theatres, billiard halls, and pool rooms, mixed bathing beaches vacant and business firms closed and all attending prayer meeting. Perhaps many will attend for their first time. The great railway, bus, steamship and all commercial systems of the world will take time off to attend this final prayer meeting here in this world. Very few attend most of our prayer meetings of today, and only a part of this few will take part; but not so at this prayer meeting—everybody will take part.

There will be great emotions at this big prayer meeting. It will not be dry-eyed, dull, drowsy and formal as so many of our modern-day prayer meetings, and even among our good, Holy-Ghost-filled, Church of God people. There will be some feeling expressed here. Lots of people now don't believe in any emotional feelings and any noise at church, but plenty will be on hand at this great one. Many people tell us that they cannot pray but, my dear friend, they will pray and will not beg to be excused or be ashamed to be heard on this occasion. There will be no careless indifference in this meeting, only a short prayer. Well, what is it? It is found in the 16th verse. Please take notice. It is not addressed to God, Jesus, the Holy Ghost, but this, "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." This prayer is to see Him who sitteth on the throne

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EDITORIALS

The Mystery of the Church Age Revealed to the Holy Prophets

Fellowheirs of the Same Body

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel," Eph. 3:2-6.

Paul is here telling the church at Ephesus about the dispensation of grace. He says that God revealed this to him through the Spirit, and he is trying to impart this great truth to the church. He is letting them know that God has showed him what would come between the cross and the crowning, that is, when Jesus shall crown those who work for Him during the Church age. That the Gentiles were to be saved was no mystery. Rom. 9:24-33; 10:19-21. The mystery which was hid from the early prophets was the divine purpose to make Jew and Gentile a wholly new thing, that is, to give them membership together in the Church which is His body.

Malachi's Prophecy of the Divine Messenger

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness," Mal. 3:1-3.

Malachi is prophesying concerning John the Baptist who was the forerunner of Jesus and the one who introduced the Great Messenger, then he tells of Jesus' power and says, Who shall abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he comes to cleanse and refine and purify? Christ's first message was to the Jews, and Isaiah saw, through prophecy, how that many would be purified and many would not be able to accept or stand the test of Jesus' coming and the power of His gospel.

The Old Testament prophets did not understand what was to be between the crucifixion and the closing of the Church age. Nowhere do we find that these old prophets understood this great mystery. They understood the first advent of Christ and many things that He would do. They saw everything blending into one horizon, but did not see the separation from laws and ceremonies that was to be given to the people by Jesus Christ, and taught by His prophets. Nowhere in the Old Testament is the Church age revealed.

"But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them," Matt. 13:16, 17.

The Old Testament prophets looked forward with great anticipation for the great Deliverer that was to come to God's people. They had a great desire to see the power and glory of the Son of God. The words of Jesus in these verses make it very clear that they did look forward to it but did not understand what it would be. They looked for an immediate gathering together of the children of Abraham and the setting up of an earthly kingdom that would force all the kingdoms of earth to bow to Him. So the old prophets did not understand God's plan for His people in the ages to come.

Fellow Partakers of One Body

"Who now rejoice in my suffering for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory," Col. 1:24-27.

As Paul was made a special messenger to the Church in the grace age, he tells the church at Colosse that God had given him grace and faith to understand the mysteries which had been hid for ages but now is made manifest to His saints. It seems that this is called the riches of God's glory, that Jew and Gentile should have the same privileges and be partakers of one body and be able to enter into God by faith in this Church dispensation that has been going on almost two thousand years.

Fellow Citizens of the Saints

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit," Eph. 2:19-22.

Here Paul is telling the church at Ephesus how they should teach and believe and practice the doctrine of Christ, the foundation of the apostles and prophets, the doctrine left by Jesus Christ Himself for these apostles to build the New Testament Church that was designed to break down prejudice and to establish those who received Christ into the great building of God, and he says that it is fitly framed together. This brings to our minds a building with its framework and how that God used those in the early days to bring into the Church or to receive into the Church those who had accepted Him by faith. God never worked apart from human instrumentality. He sent Peter to carry the message to the Gentiles and it was through an angel's directions that Cornelius sent for him. He told the children of Israel that He was

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

Certain Victory to Follow the Faithful Laborer

In the world men face uncertainty and failure everywhere.

In the business world a man may have plenty of capital, a good business, and yet fail. In the business or professional world a man may constantly face failure. The markets, the weather, political conditions, competition, and many other things may be against him. But the true servant of the Lord has a sure, a certain expectation. "To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward," Prov. 11:18. The promises of God are to him a sure foundation.

1. God has promised to stand by him and keep him.

2. Jesus has promised to make His followers to be fishers of men. He uses them to His own glory and makes them a blessing to others.

3. God has given His people special promises for times of trouble.

4. He has pledged to supply all their need, even "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

5. To all who are "faithful unto death" God has promised to give "the crown of life," which provides their eternal future.

It is a very little that the Lord asks of us in this world when we consider what we get in return. Truly "his yoke is easy and his burden is light," and exceeding great is his reward.

Jesus Calls His Followers "My Witnesses"

To show and declare faithfully what we have seen and felt and know is the work of a witness. Neither make the story larger nor smaller, but tell it and stand for what you know.

The Followers of Jesus are to be True Livers

In a life of soberness, righteousness and godliness they are to be faithful and steadfast.

The Followers of the Lord are to be Faithful in Prayer

They are to live in and by prayer. "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:6.

They are to be Faithful in Service

It is easy to labor for one whom we love and for a cause which is near to our hearts. The Lord calls us and expects us to be faithful in service, and in being faithful, whether our service be great or only small, we win out and receive the reward promised.

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"Contrary to Sound Doctrine"

1 Tim. 1:10.

Doctrine and living go together.

Right doctrine means right living.

Wrong doctrine and wrong living line up together.

Someone says, "It matters not what I believe, just so I live right." A house "built on the sand" will fall.

God's Word, the gospel, the way of truth, furnishes the only foundation or basis for right living.

God carries on His great redemption work through the gosepl. All His works are confined to gospel principles.

Men are saved only by believing the gospel. Only in harmony with the gospel can they be saved.

The Church succeeds in her earthly mission by giving the gospel to men rightly divided.

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Some of Life's Most Fatal Mistakes

1. To put off salvation and treat it as a secondary matter.

2. To give life's best time and brightest talents to money-making and gaining worldly possessions.

3. To find greatest pleasure in things that perish with the using.

4. To expect to find satisfaction in the world and what it has to offer.

5. Not to take warning from the failures and fatal mistakes of others.

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Our Disappointments

Many Christians suffer from trials and disappointments which they cannot understand. They are disappointed in people, good and bad, they are disappointed with circumstances, disappointed with business and other ways.

Perhaps many of our disappointments come because of our failure to understand God's purpose in our lives.

We are taught that God has a definite will for each life. If that be true, then is it not true that He is interested in every detail of that life, and will arrange and order it, if we trust Him? Here is an exhortation for us: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is," Eph. 5:17.

Then if we commit all to Him and serve Him faithfully, trusting Him to work out His will in us, we will not be so puzzled and disappointed at the experiences that come to us, even if they are often hard and trying. We might find a place for the exhortation of James 1:2-4, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations: knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

It is easier from the human standpoint to feel that all is well with us when everything is going pleasantly, than in times of crosses, trials and disappointments. We forget that in the storm of sore trial and testing God is working out His perfect will in us.

1. God must keep us from some things, lest we have our own way and come to ruin. Things in mercy sent seem disastrous to us, and cause us disappointment, yet are blessings indeed.

2. Some things positively essential in our experiences are misunderstood by us and are often taken as unfortunate accidents. It is hard for us to learn that all things work together for good to them that love God," Rom. 8:28.

3. None of us are so wise as to always know what is best for us, therefore, if we have put all in His hands and are trusting Him to bring us through, we should have too much confidence in Him and His love for us to be disappointed when things go contrary to our choice.

4. If we are to be full overcomers we must learn to take our disappointments patiently.

5. It might help us to realize that most of our disappointments, if not all, result from our not being able to have our own way. May the Lord help us to pray:

"Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way,
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mould me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still."

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The Need of Today

We do not need a new religion, but a new revelation of Jesus and His gospel. We need a new kindling of His grace and love in our hearts. Too many follow afar off. We need to be brought up close to Jesus.

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Born in a Revival

The Church was born in a revival. It cannot live in any other atmosphere.

In whatever way or by whatever means God commands, the true worship of God is a priceless privilege.

Bible School Closing

Greatest term in the history of the school . . . . Spirituality continually rising higher . . . . Closing exercises to be the most interesting and instructive ever given by B. T. S. . . . . A glorious old time revival just closed Sunday, January 22. . . . . You are cordially invited to attend the closing exercises . . . .

(Please write Brother Tharp so that reservation can be made for your entertainment.)

The Baccalaureate Address will be delivered by Brother Earl P. Paulk, pastor of the Church of God, Greenville, S. C., Sunday at 11:00 a. m., February 12.

February 14, at 10:00 a. m., Board of Directors' meeting.

February 14 at 1:00 p. m., Mission Board will have special meeting.

February 14, at 7:00 o'clock p. m., a special musical program will be given.

February 15, at 10:00 a. m., Commencement Address by Brother E. L. Simmons.

Graduating exercise.

Awarding of the diplomas.

At 2:00 p. m., Parent-Teacher meeting.

February 15, at 7:00 p. m., the Senior Class play.

God has abundantly blessed the school this term. A number of the students have received the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost during this term. The revival, which closed last night, was indeed a wonderful success. There were many wonderfully blessed. I don't remember just the number converted and sanctified but I understand that there were eleven baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost. There were numbers of people that attended the revival who came from miles around. Also, there was a good attendance from the city.

I understand that this has been the best term in all the history of the school. They have had a splendid student body, and the accommodations available this time made the whole surroundings so much more pleasant and conducive to deeper meditative thought and more thorough consecration. I have been assured that the students have done the most satisfactory work of any of the previous years they have known about.

It has been my privilege to visit the school at different times and I do know that they have some of the best young people there this term that has ever attended the school. They have the fire, the old time Pentecostal fire, burning to a flame which readily sets fire to the next torch near it. Praise God for the fire.

I wish it were possible for all of our good people everywhere to attend this school closing and see the great work being done through the school. There are a number of preachers who will be going out from this term and some splendid workers who will never cease praising God for the glorious opportunity which is theirs in attending the Bible School.

The Board of Directors will discuss ways and means possible to make our institution accredited. We are happy with the outlook of our Bible School and want it forever to prove a greater blessing in the training of more efficient ministers and workers for the cause of Christ, as the golden moments glide by. We appreciate the untiring efforts of the faculty and ask God's blessings on your lives, that you, too, may continually from year to year prove a greater blessing to all those precious students who come your way.

May God's blessings and favors ever rest upon this school.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.

PIKEVILLE, Tenn. — Brother and Sister Cook opened a revival here Jan. 8. God is blessing. One has been saved and several have been coming to the altar.

We organized a Junior Y. P. E. Jan. 15 with an enrollment of sixteen. We highly appreciate the honor of winning the state Y. P. E. banner.

We ask the saints of God to pray for the young people here and for the revival that it may be a blessing to many souls and the harvest may be great.—Charles Davis.

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ECCLES, W. Va. — Dear Evangel family, we are now in a revival at this place. Satan is mad but God is wonderfully blessing. Backsliders are getting reclaimed, sinners are weeping and some praying through. Thank God. Old time, Holy Ghost conviction is seizing many hearts while the saints are praying, crying and shouting.

We want our friends to pray that God will continue to let the Pentecostal showers fall until we have a landslide of souls. There have been three saved, two sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet. The meeting began Dec. 26 but we don't know when it will close. You who live near enough, come over and help us. We were not able to secure an evangelist to do the preaching, so Brother Branan and I are doing our best, at least we are working on the building just staying on the job. Pray, pray, pray.—Dovie Coats.

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W. ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Just a few lines to let you know how the W. Asheville church is progressing for God. Sunday night brought to a close one of the greatest revivals we have had. Brother George Bailey of Johnson City, Tenn. was the evangelist. God blessed wonderfully as there was a number saved and sanctified and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, the majority being young people. We thank God for the way He has blessed our young people and also the elder ones during the revival. Remember us in prayer that we will continue to be on fire for God.—Sister A. L. Miller.

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DURHAM, N. C.—We are now in a big revival in Durham. The Lord surely is blessing in a wonderful way. The revival is being conducted by Brother A. O. Stewart of Schoolfield, Va. We can truly say that this is the greatest revival we have had since the Church of God has been here. Brother Stewart has been giving out the Word in a most convincing and powerful way. To date there have been thirty-seven saved, twenty-six sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church with many more looking this way. The church feels greatly encouraged for which we give all the praise to our dear Lord. Please pray for the church here at this place for we want to move higher every day.—Your sister in Christ, Nannie Mae Bowman.

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Healed of Lung Trouble

BRODHEAD, Ky.—Dear readers, I am glad to say I was healed of a touch of lung trouble by sending Brother Rouse a handkerchief to anoint and pray over for me. He sent it back and told me to put it on my body in the name of Jesus and believe and I would be completely healed. I did and I am glad to say I am a healed witness for Jesus.—Mrs. Lena Denham, Rt. 2.

We may bestow honor upon the dishonorable, but that does not make them honorable; the honorable are honorable whether we bestow honor upon them or not.

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ON THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

S. J. Wood, $50.00; Zana E. Wright, $10.00; Zeno C. Tharp, $50.00; J. B. Ellis, $21.00; J. H. Walker, $50.00; Mrs. Margaret Helman $25.00; J. L. Dorman, $5.00; No name, $10.00; No name, $1.00; R. P. Johnson, $50.00; Ralph Tedder, $10.00; J. L. Hathcock, $10.00; J. M. Snyder, $5.00; John L. Stephens, $50.00; E. J. Boehmer, $35.00; Mrs. Ela Dillard, $50.00; D. R. Butler, $2.00; Max L. Atkins, $10.00; R. R. Walker, $50.00; A. M. Sapp, $15.00; C. M. Padgett, $2.00; E. E. Simmons, $2.00; Mrs. Minnie Beatty, $1.00; S. T. Duckworth, $1.00; Mrs. Douglas, $0.25; John Connatser, $10.00; E. M. Ellis, $50.00; Sister Flora Trim, $10.00; E. C. Jennings, $3.18; P. F. Fritz, $25.00; Mrs. L. B. Moody, $1.00; H. N. Scoggins, $10.00; Ralph Koshewitz, $5.00; H. L. Whittington, $50.00; Brother Loveway, $3.00; J. W. Busby, $2.00; Gertrude Alexander, $5.00; Lemuel Johnson, $15.00; E. N. Lovin, $5.00; Johnnie C. Moore, $1.75; Linwood Jacobs, $5.00; Stuart White, $5.00; Clyde Atkins, $6.25; Rosa Lee Phillips, $4.00; W. H. Ward, $7.10; F. L. Muller, $3.50; H. E. Ramsey, $50.00; J. C. Padgett, $8.00; Fred Chambers, $10.00; L. T. Bolen, $3.00; Rinda Ramey, $10.72; U. D. Tidwell, $50.00; F. D. Hardee, $2.34; T. A. Richard, $25.00; B. J. Pharr, $10.00; Louise Bell, $2.00; Gertrude Palmer, $1.00; Fred Allen, $10.00; H. N. Scoggins, $15.00; Frances Dekle, $7.50; R. H. Walker, $6.00; J. P. Peoples, $2.00; H. O. Harris, $5.00; Max Brandt, $15.38; Archie McWilliams, $4.91; Willis Carden, $5.00; W. L. Shires, $4.20; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw, $1.00; Mrs. Henrietta Keith, $5.00; R. C. Hodge, $10.00; T. L. Willix, $1.00; John Sharp, $20.00; J. C. Vaughn, $4.00; Loda Wilkerson, $.50; Rosia Ralph, $.50; G. L. Jones, $2.50; Mrs. Mary Tiger, $1.00; Mrs. Flora Golden, $1.00; F. L. Muller, $2.00; A. B. Dixon, $50.00; T. W. Godwin, $5.00; J. N. Azlin, $1.53; E. A. Stillwell, $2.25; R. D. Futch, $2.00; D. L. Lemons, $25.00; D. A. Biggs, $5.00; J. N. White, $2.68; (Lois Blanton, Lucile Blanton, T. T. Peterson, Clara Wingate—one day each), $11.57; W. B. Hawk, $3.00; Tip Snap, $2.00; J. E. Temple, $2.00; Linwood Jacobs, $8.00; James W. Rowley, $5.00; J. R. Mullinax, $1.50; John McCullough, $.50; A. H. Hemphill, $2.00; Mrs. A. H. Hemphill, $1.00; S. W. Latimer, $50.00; S. C. Chambers, $10.00; E. C. Pace, $1.69; Richard Earnhardt, $2.00; H. L. Taylor, $5.00; L. S. Cooper, $5.00; E. E. Byington, $4.25; Edith Brown, $1.82; Zora French, $2.24; Carrie Poucher, $1.00; Wanda Duncan, $.50; Essie Mae Golden, $2.00; Scott Langley, $5.00; J. M. Dalton, $6.00; W. R. Wilbanks, $1.67; Ben L. Smith, $1.45; R. L. Cameron, $5.40; M. L. Lowe, $22.92; W. J. Blair, $8.00; Lula L. Jones, $13.15; C. G. Carder, $5.00; J. L. Ball, $6.40; Bill Morris, $10.00; W. E. Raney, $25.00; F. B. Marine, $25.00; Hubert Flowers, $10.00; Carl Milligan, $5.00; Henry Carroll, $1.00; Stella Carroll, $1.00; Ed. Carroll, $1.00; Vergie Carroll, $1.00; Charlie Ashley, $1.00; C. M. Keys, $10.00; Ben Smith, $1.45; M. H. Childers, $10.00; H. H. Beasley, $5.00; Louie Tacket, $1.00; B. L. Hicks, $37.50; Lina Bolt, $3.00; Darie St. John, $4.40; W. E. Pope, $2.64; M. K. Henry, $1.00; A. R. Hughes, $2.40; B. W. Watson, $5.00; Hattie Wilson, $2.55; L. L. Hughes, $11.16; W. E. Pope, $2.64; J. E. Temple, $1.50; W. I. Rogers, $1.50; A. W. Mize, $5.00; Perew Patterson, $.50; Linwood Jacobs, $5.00; Heber Brumley, $1.00; Z. D. Simpson, $5.00; E. J. Boehmer, $15.00; C. E. Chandler, $5.00; I. L. Benge, $1.61; Chas. Bowen, $6.50; M. H. Maxwell, $5.00; A. R. Hughes, $2.40; Ida McCoy, $5.00; T. M. McClendon, $10.00; Ben L. Smith, $.55; Adam Lancaster, $1.50; Barbara A. King, $10.00; C. H. Standifer, $10.00; W. H. Maxwell, $10.00.

CHURCHES PAID TO B.T.S.

Cumberland, Ky., $2.00; Charlotte, N. C., $15.25; LaBelle, Fla., $5.12; Parkridge Church, Eli, Ky., $1.00; Ravenna, Ky., $5.25; Horse Branch, Ky., $2.00; Lannius Church, Dodd City, Tex., $5.00; Sunny South, Ala., $3.25; Olney, Tex., $1.80; Wishek, N. Dak., $10.54; Fort Mill, S. C., $29.20; Lakeworth, Fla., $6.00; Strait Creek, Ala., $3.00; Rochester, Texas, $1.00; Selman City, Texas, $1.00; Shelburn, Ind., $2.60; Richburg, Miss., $.70; Fonde, Ky., $1.12; Borger, Texas, $10.00; Barboursville, Ky., $2.00; Hot Springs, N. Mex., $5.00; West Asheville, N. C., $5.05; McIntosh, N. Dak., $3.54; Hamilton, Ohio, $2.00; Mooresville, N. C., $3.75; Christopher, Ky., $2.16; Zellwood, Fla., $5.00; Elkins, W. Va., $2.31; Thornton, Ky., $1.03; Greer, S. C., $10.05; Wichita Falls, Tex., $7.00; Ladonia, Tex., $1.00; Parrott, Va., $2.10; Clarks Chapel church, $1.00; Echols, Ky., $1.00; Slater, S. C., $3.00; Williamsburg, Ky., $1.50; Isaban, W. Va., $1.00; Churches of Mississippi, $63.00; Gettysburg, S. Dak., $4.32; McVeigh, Ky., $52.88; Candler, N. C., $14.00; Lebanon and Tolstoy, S. Dak., $3.00; Lacoochee, Fla., $1.62; Port Huron, Mich., $2.68; Tifton, Ga., $3.45; Anniston, Ala., $3.00; Woodman, Ky., $1.96; Dora, Ala., $7.50; Greenville, S. C. $23.35; Zion, Ala., $2.10; Easton, Md., $26.00; Crisfield, Md., $12.17; St. Luke, Md., $2.10; Pine Top, W. Va., $.35; Wimauma, Fla., $2.50; Somerset, Ky., $10.00; Nancy, Ky., $6.50; Cleveland, Tenn. (auditorium), $16.41; Petersburg, W. Va., $1.57; Reform, Ala., $5.00; Mobeetie, Tex., $3.00; Crab Orchard, Ky., $.70; Corona, Calif., $1.61; Carbon, Ind., $2.00; Avon Park, Fla., $1.30; Etowah, Tenn., $10.10; Detroit, Mich. (West Side), $15.16; Middlesboro, Ky., $2.25; Pine Top, W. Va., $.35; Cantwell, Mo., $22.81; Shawmut, Ala., $1.21; Perry, Fla., $6.00; Montgomery, Ala., $5.00; Washington, Pa., $4.82; Arcadia, Fla., $10.00; Paxton, Ind., $1.00; Double Springs, Ala., $1.50; Adamsville, Ala., $5.45; Highway, Ala., $3.00; Bayard, W. Va., $.74; Blythe, Calif., $.35; Santa Bottom, Ala., $1.05; Neon, Ky., $1.00; Eldorado, Md., $1.00; Paxton, Ind., $1.00; Sebring, Fla., $1.40; Mt. Zion (Altoona), Ala., $3.16; Hiwassee, Tenn., $1.00; Sylacauga, Ala., $1.00; Tarpon Springs, Fla., $10.00; Washington, N. C., $13.00; Coosa Valley, Ala., $.50; Massey Line (Pinson), Ala., $3.40; Ranger, Tex., $6.60; Midway and Cherry Lake, Fla., $6.00; Texla, Tex., $6.00; Edinburg, Tex., $1.15; Highway, Ala., $3.00; Houston, Tex., $6.00; Jal, N. Mex., $11.05; Seco, Ky., $2.50; Red Hill, Miss., $1.00; Dallas, Tex., $.50; Isola, Miss., $2.60; New Martinsville, W. Va., $25.00.

The church at Arcadia, Fla. is credited with $10.00 on B.T.S. building which should have been credited to W. H. Maxwell.—General Secretary.

Notes of Praise From B. T. S. Students

I am praising God for the opportunity of being in Bible School this year. I was saved two weeks before I came to school. I am twenty-two years of age and find this the best place on earth for a young man or woman. I have received many blessings from the first day in school but the most wonderful blessing was the Holy Ghost, which I received on the second day of December, 1938.

Fathers and mothers, if you have children, saved or unsaved, the best gift you could give them would be the privilege to attend B. T. S., even if you have to sacrifice to do so. We have Spirit-filled teachers who believe in old time salvation and letting God have His way and students who feel the need of getting souls saved. I assure you that your time and money will be well spent in B. T. S. at Sevierville, Tenn. It has meant to me much more than I can express, a place where the Word of God is taught in its fullness.

I ask the prayers of all praying people that I will ever be a worker for my Lord.—Graham L. Stilwell, Mooresville, N. C.

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Dear Christian friends, we have just closed one of the greatest revivals I have ever attended. More souls have been blessed in one week than I have ever seen before and it seems like it was just getting started good when it closed. Many of the local citizens were getting blessed.

I thank God for the great blessings I received during the revival. I was saved and sanctified before the revival started and thought I would get the Holy Ghost during the revival but failed to give up to God and failed to believe, I suppose.

I want each Christian friend to please pray earnestly that I will yield my life to God and receive that great Holy Ghost and be a blessing to lost humanity. My desire is to be a soul winner for God.—Your brother in Christ, Verlon G. Benefield, c/o B. T. S., Sevierville, Tenn.

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I am truly glad for the wonderful blessing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost that my wife and I have received here in school this term. I am very thankful that God has made it possible for the Church of God to have this wonderful school. I know there is no other school in the United States equal to it, for it is absolutely on fire for God.—A. R. Pedigo.

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After all night of agonizing before God and with the encouraging prayers of the students, I received the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise God! It is worth everything to me.—John Meares, Largo, Fla.

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I never can praise the Lord enough for the baptism of the Holy Ghost I have received here in school. I also thank God for the privilege of being in Bible School for I feel that this is the best place under heaven.—Glynn Weatherby, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

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Dear Christian friends, I was a sinner in this world but came to the last six weeks of Bible School and got under conviction during the revival. The student body began praying with me so I gave my heart to God.

I certainly appreciate this Bible School. There is not a place in the world that has the power of God manifested so. I advise all young men and women to come to this school. I desire your prayers that I will do what the Lord would have me do.—A B. T. S. student, Curtiss Lentz, Golden, Miss.

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I thank the Lord for the privilege of attending Bible Training School this term. I have been filled with the precious Holy Ghost and have received many blessings here in school. Those who want spiritual, as well as educational benefit, should come to Bible School and get what the Lord has in store for them.—Jimmie Rickles, Alabama City, Ala.

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CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

God's Word is Powerful

This is how God saved Louis Henley, a student of the Home Study Course, and prisoner of Jefferson City Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.:

Greetings in Jesus' name.

It was with great pleasure that I received your course in Bible study.

When I came here January 19, 1938

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★ YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ★

Young People, Be Careful

By E. L. Breckenridge, Myrtlewood, Ala., Route 1.

"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness, from the God of his salvation," Psalm 24:4, 5.

Oh, how wonderful, how great and happy is the man or woman that can truly testify to the fact that he has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not been vain in his imaginations, nor sworn deceitfully. Nothing but the blood of Jesus is going to wash away our sins, and make us pure and happy. He that hath all these things, shall receive a blessing from the Lord.

We are told, that we cannot serve God and mammon, so it's a settled fact, that if we are not pure in heart, we are a servant of mammon.

Matthew 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." That seems to be sufficient reward for any of us to work after, for if our heart is not pure, we cannot see God, and if we get near enough to God to see Him, I feel like that we will be extended a hearty welcome into that city not made with hands, whose maker and builder is God.

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments, which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth," Deut. 28:1.

At this time the Lord was speaking to the children of Israel by the mouth of Moses, telling them of all the good things that they might expect if they would only obey the Word of God, who had made them many promises from the days of Abraham. They were to be prosperous in everything that they put their hand to, if they would only obey the commandments of God. That was all that was necessary. Right on the other hand, God warned them that if they did not obey His laws and statutes, they might expect many curses in the future. They were to be cursed in the city, in the field, and in their body, and in fact, there was a curse for them wherever they might be, or whatever they might be doing. They only had to serve their God with clean hands and a pure heart, to receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

Don't Be a Bear

As I passed along the street the other day I saw a big picture of a bear beneath which were the words, "Don't be a bear. Don't growl. Your growling will scare away the very people who could help you."

My thoughts reverted at once to an incident which had come under my notice shortly before. A young man who had many fine points and good qualifications was especially anxious to secure a certain position, for which there were many applicants.

"What do you think of Breton Wesley?" asked the prospective employer of his son.

"He'd be great, Dad, if he didn't do so much growling! The fellows just sort o' dropped him. Nobody enjoys a bear even if he is smart."

"Nor employ him, either," mentally commented the elder man.

Growling may be all right for a bear, but it never accomplishes anything desirable for men and women. Growling and complaining about the way things go at home, in the office, or in the shop, will not better conditions there one iota. The only effect such a growling will have is to make things still worse.

Growling does not get you what you want. It really keeps you from getting it. So why be a bear? Why growl?—*A. C. H., in Junior Weekly.*

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The east is known as the place where the first ray of light beams forth after a night of darkness. Likewise in our spiritual life, if we have our face set toward the east, from whence there came a Saviour and Redeemer, the Dayspring shall arise within our hearts.—*F. V. K., in Gospel Herald.*

The Fruit of the Spirit

Gal. 5:22, 23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance."

I know you not by the song you sing,
Or by the smile you wear,
It's rather by the *love* you have
And by the fruit you bear.

I know you not by the word you speak
Or by your knowledge fair,
But by the *joy* that's in your soul
And by the fruit you bear.

I know you not by your giddy song
Or by your spirit of cheer,
It's the way you endure *longsuffering*
And by the fruit you bear.

I know you not by position in life,
Small or great they appear,
But by *gentleness, goodness, faith* in God,
And by the fruit you bear.

I know you not by costly apparel
Or by your lack of fear,
But by *meekness*, and *temperance* you have in life,
And by the fruit you bear.

I know you not by the prayer you pray
Although you shed a tear,
But Matthew seven and twenty reads
It's by the fruit you bear.

I know the grapevine by the grape,
The pear tree by the pear,
And so by these, my friend, you're known,
It's by the fruit you bear.

—By Everett A. Harris, Lenoir, N. C.

The Antichrist

By W. T. Wilson

In the conflicts recorded in Daniel we find that the first was fought by Alexander the Great, who overthrew the Medo-Persian Empire and became ruler of the world. In Chapter 8, verse 22, we see that the Grecian Empire was later divided into four countries which are Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece.

Since Italy is the chief country of the ancient Grecian Empire and Russia occupies the area of the ancient Medo-Persian Empire, we believe that these two countries are the ones to be in the conflicts. In Chapter 11, verses 6, 7, the last conflict will begin.

Perhaps you will not agree with me that Benito Mussolini is the king of the south, but it is interesting to note in the tenth verse that the sons of that king will be stirred up to cause the next conflict. Today the two sons of Mussolini hold positions in his army. You may not agree with me that Ivan Stalin is the king of the north, but nearly four million people starved to death in Russia in '33 and '34 alone. A good predecessor of Antichrist.

According to verse 15 he will win the next conflict and also take the holy land. After this he will be assassinated, verses 18, 19. His successor will live only a few days; the Bible does not say but he will probably die of some kind

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★ Boys and Girls ★

Abraham Sends Ishmael Away

By Irene Wales

You remember when Ishmael, Isaac's only son, whose mother was Hagar, Sarah's maid, was thirteen years old, God promised Abraham that he would give him a son whose mother would be Sarah, his wife. The next year God fulfilled His promise to give Sarah a son and told her to call him Isaac. Sarah was happy that at last she had a baby of her very own, and Abraham was happy too. Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety when this baby was born.

Abraham had many servants and great herds of cattle. He was very rich. Now there was great rejoicing among all these servants when little Isaac came to live among them.

Isaac was loved by his father and mother and by the servants. He was taken good care of and grew up to be a great man. One day, when he was large enough to eat at the table like other children and was not a baby any longer, his father made a great feast and everybody had a good time, except Ishmael. He was jealous of Isaac, and mocked him. Sarah saw Ishmael mocking her little son Isaac and she didn't like it, so she told Abraham to make Ishmael and his mother go away.

Abraham hated to send Ishmael away because he was his son too, but God spoke to him and told him not to be sad but to do as Sarah had asked him, and that He would not only take care of Isaac and bless him but would also bless Ishmael.

So Abraham rose up early in the morning and took some bread and a bottle of water and put it on Hagar's shoulder, then he kissed Ishmael and sent them away. They wandered around in the wilderness until their bottle of water was all gone. It was a very dry place and there was no water that they could get, so soon they became very weak. They could go no farther so she laid Ishmael under a bush in the shade then went off a little way from him for she didn't want to see him die, and she sat down and began to cry. Ishmael must have been crying too for the Bible says that God heard the boy's voice and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven and asked her what was the trouble and told her not to be afraid for God had heard Ishmael and knew where he was. He also told her to go and hold Ishmael in her arms, that God was going to make him a great nation.

About that time God showed Hagar a well of water. She filled the bottle with water and brought it to Ishmael, then she lifted the poor, weak boy up and gave him a drink. Soon he was feeling better and was able to walk and run about as before.

Hagar and Ishmael continued to live in the wilderness. One book tells us that Ishmael learned to shoot a bow and arrow and when they wanted meat he would shoot a rabbit or bird or something like that, and, of course, the good well furnished them plenty of water. God took care of him just like He had promised Abraham and also Hagar.

When Ishmael was a grown young man his mother selected him a wife out of the land of Egypt. God gave Ishmael and his wife twelve sons. They lived in the wilderness or desert of Arabia, and today these people are called Arabs. They live in tents in the desert and travel about from one place to another on camels, and they also have some of the finest horses in the world.

God kept His promise to Ishmael, for the Arabs are one of the great nations of the world. There are many of them in the world now, and they are proud to say that Abraham was their forefather.

SOME MORE ABOUT ISAAC

Well, Ishmael had gone away and he never came back so Isaac was Abraham's only son now. He was a very obedient boy and his father and mother loved him very much. They taught him about God and to pray, and while he was still a young boy he loved God and wanted to obey Him.

Abraham loved God very much, and God loved him. God often spoke to Abraham, and called him His friend. God knew that Abraham loved his little son Isaac very much, too, so He decided to see if Abraham loved Isaac better than he loved God, and He put Abraham to a very hard test.

Of course God wants us to love one another, we must love people who do not even love us, and some people we love more than others, but God does not want us to love anybody or anything better than we love Him. He wanted Abraham to love his son Isaac but He did not want Abraham to love Isaac more than he loved God.

One day He called Abraham and Abraham answered, "Behold, here am I." Abraham was always ready to listen to God and do what God told him to. God told him to take his son Isaac, his only son, whom he loved, and go into the land of Moriah, and there offer him for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which He would tell him about.

You remember, back in those days, before Jesus came into the world and died, people had to offer up sheep and calves and doves and pigeons to the Lord to get forgiven of their sins. They had altars and they would put these animals or fowls upon the altars, then put a fire under them and burn them. As the smoke went up to heaven, God looked down and blessed them. Many times God would have them take the blood from the animals and sprinkle it around. Of course, since Jesus came and died on the cross, shedding His blood there, we do not have to offer burnt-offerings nor the blood of animals, but we are saved by faith through the blood of Jesus.

Many, many people have been lost, and are still being lost, because they will not accept the Lord, even though it is not a lot of trouble and expense like offering animals and fowls as burnt-offerings. But Abraham loved God so much that he was ready to offer up his only son, if that was what God wanted and commanded.

Abraham rose up early in the morning and put the saddle on one of his little mules. He took two of his young men servants, and Isaac his son, and cut the wood to use in offering up the burnt-offering. Then they started to the place that God told him to go. After they had travelled three days, Abraham looked up and saw the place a good distance away. He told the two young men to stay there and keep the little mule, while he and Isaac went on to offer the sacrifice, then he would come back to them.

Abraham took the wood and laid it upon Isaac's shoulder, and he took the fire in his hands to light it with, and a knife, and he and Isaac went on. Isaac did not know that his father was intending to use him for the sacrifice, he did not know what God had said to his father, so he asked Abraham where the lamb was that he was going to sacrifice. Abraham said, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering," and they travelled on.

When they came to the place that God told him to go, Abraham built an altar and laid the wood in order, then he bound Isaac and laid him on the altar. Of course Isaac knew by this time that he was to be the sacrifice, but he loved his father and God and he was obedient to them, and the Bible doesn't say that he complained at all. Abraham took the knife and was ready to kill his son. He surely must have hated to kill him, it must have made him sad indeed; but he loved God so much that he was willing to do anything He told him to do. He knew that God knew best.

But something wonderful happened.

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News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Missions! Missions!

C. N. O'Kelley

Text: Mark 15:16, Jesus said, *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*

For some time I have been wanting to write a little on missions. First, the meaning of the word "mission" is: The act of sending or being sent; a calling to preach the gospel and spread a religion. Note with me here, Jesus says, "Go ye," and we have some dear brothers and sisters who are willing to leave home and go to the foreign fields. Now it is our turn to send them. Listen what Paul says (Rom. 10:14, 15), "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Now here are four questions I wish the people who say "charity begins at home" and "I don't believe in foreign missions," would consider.

Paul says again in some of his other writings, "Woe unto me, if I preach not the gospel." Be careful or a woe will be unto you, if you fail on your part.

You who are taking the Evangel and Lighted Pathway, read the thrilling words about the mission fields and pass them to your friends, brothers and sisters. Let's redeem the time, let's get under the burden, let's send those who will go. There are men, women and children going to be saved and some are going to be lost. What are you going to do about it? Oh glory!

I feel we are going to do more for the mission cause this year. Say, do you want to be happy? Well in John 13:17 Jesus says, "If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Someone may say, Oh He is just talking about feet washing. Yes, He was talking about feet washing and something else too. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus says in the 28th chapter and 20th verse, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." To observe all things, not just to be baptized. Now, in order to have Jesus with us alway and to be happy Jesus said, "Go ye." Let's send them. Had it not been for Paul and other good missionaries we would not have known about Jesus and His great love. Let's send and help spread this gospel, then shall the end come.

Report From India

Extracts from letters from our Sanyasi who is opening up new work

Nizambad, India, 29th Oct. '38.

My main idea for this tour is to see the plan of some work in the north and also go in a lonely place to spend in prayer to get more power . . . Now I am 500 miles from Nellore. My main idea is to receive greater power, love and sanctification as in the time of the apostles.

Watching all the believers in the Telegu area and Hydrabad state I find our Kondayapalem assembly is more sanctified and powerful. That is the village about one and one-half miles from Nellore town . . .

All the Spirit baptized groups in different places of the Lutheran mission have separated from the Lutheran mission and formed a separate church called the Bible mission . . . There are some who resigned their work and are doing the Lord's work by faith. One brother D—— and his wife resigned their teacher's work and are working for the Lord. In Cheerala town 35 people received the Holy Spirit baptism and 110 are still waiting for it. Hundreds are healed and many devils are cast out by this brother and his wife . . .

From all Lutheran stations many are joining this mission. Pray so that they must accept immersion also. They called me to see their work but I postponed it. They have washing of feet at the Lord's Supper. In this Bible mission there are many hundreds who speak in tongues . . .

Nizambad. 8 Nov., '38.

There is a small group of Christians here. About ten are very much interested in these teachings. They are all government clerks. We are having two meetings daily and this week we will start tarrying meetings . . .

I am specially writing about a sister in Nellore. Her name is Jemmi Rao. She studied up to school final and her family was against our work but one day when Brother Christadas was working there she came for the tarrying meeting and on the fourth day she received the Holy Spirit and gift of tongues. The tongues were flowing out for three days and then her family became favorable to us.

She desires to do the Lord's work and likes to go to Travancore . . . She has the gift of interpretation also. She went to a certain church, preached and spoke in tongues, revealing the sin of the pastor, then she went to another church and with the pastor's permission preached there and spoke to the pastor in tongues. He is a learned man who has studied in the U. S. A. and a Greek scholar. Her tongues came in Greek while speaking to him and he wondered at this . . .

Nizambad. 22 Nov., '38.

Glad to hear your news. The Madura convention will be a great blessing I believe . . .

I have a desire to work in the north of India. Here in Nizambad the starting is very successful. We are having Bible study and tarrying meetings thrice a day. Seven are touched by the Spirit. Of them one is speaking in tongues and two are in stammering stage . . .

This is a camp of some government clerks. Not a town. From here another call came for another camp where there are more clerks. Here, this side, Christians are far less than Ongole side. Next week I am trying to go to that camp also which is nine miles from here. Here I am thinking to give them baptism and Lord's Supper. They may yield to it . . . Almost all pastors and teachers are drunkards in these parts.

25th Nov.

Last night we had mighty power of the Spirit. One brother who draws Rs. 60 salary is full of power and he and his wife are in stammering stage. One clerk who was accustomed to alcohol stopped it and had the touch of the Spirit last night. Two big smokers stopped smoking. Four women removed jewels. Last night most of them were under power. Praise the Lord.

I will try my best to take a little time to attend the convention. Here too I have much work . . . Next month I may go to Bombay and return . . . This place is northeast of Bombay. I am studying the Urdu language too. I desired for a secluded life in some forest or cave but up to this time I have no time. If I come this time, the believers will be much encouraged to suffer, to win souls, to go by faith and to be endued with gifts.

For about one year I was not at all speaking in tongues but at Kanigiri I spoke in tongues when I continued long in tarrying meetings. I was very sorry for not talking in tongues for a long time. Here in Nizambad I got a special experience in tongues. Here often I speak in tongues. One Hindu said it is Persian language. Praise the Lord.

Last week one sorcerer came to me and with my permission he enchanted upon me. I told him no devils or sorcery will affect me. He thought I was having great power by sorcery. With all his enchantment his deity did not come to me. So he proclaimed that the

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

TROY, Tenn.—The church at Groves Chapel is moving on nicely. We have a large attendance in Sunday School and are looking forward to more in attendance. Brother Clyde Wallenton, our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, was with us Saturday night, Jan. 7, and organized a new Y. P. E. We had our first meeting Sunday night, Jan. 15. Brother Worley, our good district overseer, was here also Jan. 7 and brought a message right from the throne of God. We surely appreciate Brother Worley and Brother Wallenton. All who read this pray much for the church here to prosper.—A sister in Christ and for His church, Eva Mae Smith, Rt. 1.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Church of God at 17th and Alter Sts. desires to sound a note of praise for the way God is blessing our efforts here. On Thanksgiving Day our district overseer, Brother Henry C. Stoppe, conducted the fellowship services during which time our souls were fed the Word, after which he laid the cornerstone at the close of the afternoon's service. Due to the inclement weather some were hindered from being with us, but we enjoyed the presence of the sweet Holy Ghost in our midst and those who worshipped with us helping us to make it a day to be remembered.

We desire the prayers of God's children that we may grow and shine for Jesus.—E. Louise (Oney) Smith, leader.

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CLEWISTON, Fla.—We thank and praise God for the way He has blessed Clewiston. God surely directed our state overseer in sending Clewiston a real Gideon as a pastor. He and his dear wife have been a blessing that we will never be able to tell about. The word "can't" just doesn't fit in their vocabulary. They told us what we were going to do so we added works to our faith and God blessed our efforts in a most remarkable way. When we look back over the few short weeks that Brother W. L. Brown and wife have been with us and how small our church is it would seem almost an impossibility to have made such wonderful progress. We have built a nice, five-room parsonage valued at $1,000, clear of indebtedness. We also have furnished the parsonage and bought nice new seats for the church. Our Willing Workers Band, which consists of seven active members, has raised something over $300.00, all of this since September, 1938. We know that we are serving a living God whose power is unlimited. Bless His great and wonderful name. I mean to stand true for it pays to live a Christian life. Remember us when you pray.—Annie L. Lolley, Rt. 1, Box 102.

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We Praise the Lord for Our L. W. W. B. in Cross City, Fla.

We praise Him for the way He blessed our L. W. W. B. here the past year. We made clear money last year, after expense was taken out, $219.65, mostly on selling suppers and sandwiches. I am glad to say that our good sisters have a mind to work, for which we praise the Lord. We want to do more this year than ever before. Please pray for us.—Mrs. J. L. Williams, Shamrock, Fla.

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If We Love Him We Will Keep His Commandments

I am glad to send in my testimony for Jesus. Praise His name for His saving, sanctifying and healing power. Praise God for the comforting words of Paul when he said, That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length, and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ and be filled with the fullness of God. Praise God for the forgiveness of sins that we can love Him with all our hearts. If we love Him we will keep all of His commandments. Faith is our main breastplate of salvation. It is as essential to pray for faith as it is to pray for other needful things of life. By faith we are saved, by faith our prayers are answered, by faith we are sanctified, by faith we are healed. Praise His name forever. If we had more faith greater things would be done in the Church.

To know the fullness of the love of Christ we must be filled with the Holy Ghost and He will lead us into all truth and give us power for service so He can manifest Himself through us in demonstration. Oh, some of our Churches of God, I am sorry to say, are so afraid the power of the Holy Ghost will show Himself too plainly in the services. But praise His name, I expect by His grace to live humble, lowly and let Him have His way with me, trust Him for the old time, Pentecostal power and preach the old-fashioned Church of God full gospel.

Oh, how I praise Him for healing me of the terrible cancer when I was in the last stage and four (specialists) physicians said I could not live. I love the old-fashioned power of the Holy Ghost.

Saints, pray without ceasing. There is so much to be done and such a short time to do it in. Prayer is the key to heaven's door. Let's ask as David of old, Make thy face to shine upon thy servant.

My brother and sister ministers, preach the Word to this wicked world regardless of the cost.—Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler.

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Stand By Faith

BURKEVILLE, Va.—Dear saints, I praise the Lord for His divine healing. I guess some remember my request in the Evangel. I suffered dreadfully with eighteen spells of what I called hemorrhages, after I was operated on. I suffered more than eight months and trusted God. I have trusted Him for my family almost fully for sometime. I said I was going to get a doctor. The doctor said he could not help me but I would have to go to the hospital. For some reason I was willing to go. I was not afraid. I was happy and speaking in other tongues while I was on the table. Three doctors were around me asking me if I always suffered a lot and I told them yes. They said I would never stand such long and they said they wanted to operate on me for the best, so that I would live and have health too, and I saw what I was tried for. I said, No, one operation is enough, so I was operated on, but if I had had faith as I ought to I believe God would have delivered me and I would not have had an operation at all. We ought always pray that we enter not into temptation, Matt. 26:41. Many thought I would never trust God any more after that operation, but I am praising God that I am still trusting Him and trying to be true to Him in all, that He will fight all my battles. Brother Rouse does great work for God and we can do great works through faith and obedience to God too and without it we can do no good for God.

It looks as if our tests are greater and our prayers less but I know that won't do as well for it did not do for the disciples' faithlessness in Matt. 17:15-21.

I praise God for a few who have faith today to lay hands on the sick, cripple, lame, blind, deaf and dumb and they be made whole in the name of Jesus. My little boy and I went to Richmond, Va. to get healed and God healed us both. He healed me of the awful spells and healed my boy's weak eyes. He couldn't read at night, his eyes would burn so badly and run water that I couldn't afford to call on him to read the Bible but the next night after Brother Rouse laid his hands on his eyes he could read

clearly and fast with no trouble at all and has ever since and I have been getting along well myself. I can't praise Him enough for it all.

I praise God for three encouraging letters I received from two saints of God, and I do thank them for their prayers and the prayers of others. He has brought more peace in my home since I requested prayer of the saints.

I have a special prayer hour at two o'clock daily for half an hour. God is blessing. The more we pray the more we can believe and do for God. I am looking for His coming any moment. I am praying for my children, companion and myself that we will meet the condition with God and be ready, besides others. — Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Rt. 2.

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Cleanse Yourselves From All Filthiness of the Flesh

LELAND, N. C.—Dear saints, I am glad to tell you what the Lord has done for me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I was saved but didn't have the Holy Ghost when I could feel the Spirit trying to get me to seek harder for it. I had the snuff habit and the old devil did not want me to give it up. It seemed if I did not something awful would happen. This went on nearly a week. Then my baby took a severe case of colitis. The doctor didn't seem to have any hope for her. I promised God I would do anything if He would heal my baby. The answer seemed to be to give up that snuff and I promised with His help to stop it and every time the devil tried to make me use it I asked the Lord to help me and He did, He took the taste for it away from me.

About three weeks later I was praying for my baby when glory filled my soul and the Lord filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and He healed my baby. This shows that Christians must leave off filthy snuff. I don't get to go to holiness meetings to testify for my Lord like I wish. Please pray much for my father, brothers and husband to be saved. Pray for me to hold out faithful to the end.—Mrs. Blanchie Reeves.

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He Can Care For Both Soul and Body

MABEN, Ala.—I praise God for saving my poor soul, sanctifying and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. He is my healer too. I am trusting God with both soul and body. I know if He can take care of my soul, He can take care of my body. He made it and He knows all about it and what is wrong when we get sick. Glory to God. I mean to trust Him until He comes or calls me.

I was so sick with kidney trouble I could hardly live. I prayed and had the saints to pray for me, and glory to God, He came on the scene and touched my body and healed it. Oh, how I do thank and praise Him for everything He has done for me. I want to always be found doing His will, trying to win some poor soul to Christ.

Please pray for me and my husband that we will raise our little boy for the Lord. My husband is not a Christian but wants to be. Pray for God to save him before it is too late. I also have brothers and sisters out in sin; pray that God will save them. God bless you is my prayer.—Mrs. Macie Ross.

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VINE GROVE, Ky.—To the Church, greetings. I have been very sick but I am well again. I had a wonderful healing. I prayed hard for I did want to be in service. Pray for me.—Eliza Kendall, Rt. 2.

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Glory To His Name!

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Truly our hearts are overflowing with thanksgiving and our voices blend in praises to our Father and His dear Son, Jesus our Redeemer, for all His blessings to our church already in this new year of 1939. As the last hours of 1938 faded we were gathered in a watch service with hearts uplifted to the One who, through all things, had kept us in His love during the year, and our lives we committed in His care and for His service whatever the new year might bring. We were privileged to have with us Brother Linwood Slay of Mobile, Ala., and Brother Alphus LeFevre, who were to conduct our revival which began the following night, Jan. 1.

How wonderful it would be if we could express to you just what this two weeks' revival meant to all who attended it, but words seem almost without expression as we try to proceed. Truly we can say this is one of the greatest, and possibly the greatest, revival we have ever had. Never have we witnessed hearts and talents more yielded to God than Brother Slay and Brother LeFevre. The inspired Word as it was brought by God's humble messenger, Brother Slay, and the heavenly music and songs rendered by Brother LeFevre seized the hearts of the listeners each evening. Thirty-five were saved, ten sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church. The Holy Ghost had pre-eminence and souls prayed through in every service. Vast crowds attended and we regret that our church proved too small to accommodate all.

We feel that the messages in music, song and gospel will be encouragement to us through the last mile of the way down here; and when we enter our eternal home we will be able to express to you, dear Christian family, and you will understand then, Brother Slay and Brother LeFevre, the harvest of your labors with us and should it be no more here, we expect to meet you "Just Inside the Gates."—Church of God in Bristol, Mrs. A. L. Waters, clerk, 1225 Broad St.

BOYS AND GIRLS

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Just at that moment the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven, and told him not to kill his son for now God knew that he feared Him and would not withhold even his only son from Him. Don't you know Abraham and Isaac were both happy. They could feel good because they had been willing to obey God and because God had provided another sacrifice, for about that time Abraham looked up and saw a sheep caught in a bush by his horns. He got the sheep and offered him up for a burnt-offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place Jehovah-jireh, then he returned to the place where the two young men were and they all went home. Abraham was happy because he had obeyed God and because he still had his son with him.

Editorials

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going to deliver them from Egyptian bondage but He used Moses and those associated with him to accomplish this task.

The mystery that Paul writes about and that Jesus talked about to His early followers is what was going to be from the cross to the rapture, and this is what is known as the Church dispensation. Christ's kingdom was postponed for the Church and it will not be set up until the Church is raptured, and this will take place when Jesus comes back on the clouds of heaven, and raises the dead in Christ and catches away those who are alive and remain and are ready to meet Him in the air. 1 Thess. 4:14-17.

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:45 p. m. Odis Smith in charge.

WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn. each Saturday at 10:30 a. m. C.S.T., Church of God Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.

WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God, 4:00-4:30 p. m., each Sunday. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC. Each Sunday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WBTM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A. O. Stewart, district overseer.

KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Each Sunday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. H. E. Ramsey in charge.

WFBC, Greenville, S. C., 1300 KC. Each Sunday from 7:00-8:00 a.m., E.S.T. Earl Paulk, pastor.

WMFD, Wilmington, N. C. Each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. H. T. Durden, pastor.

REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

My nephew, Melvin Hicks, who cut his foot very badly; me to be healed of head trouble.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body; two children to be healed; one to be saved, the other sanctified; husband to be saved.—Lyddie Edmonds, Whittle, Ky.

Me to be healed of pellagra of the stomach; am deprived of being in services.—Mrs. C. D. Wakefield, Rt. 3, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

My backslidden husband; unspoken requests; God to increase my faith; the church at Wake Forest.—Mrs. Mary Ellington, Rt. 2, Wake Forest, N. C.

These people here to see the light and walk in it; God to send someone here to hold a revival; God to heal my body; me to receive the Holy Ghost; the Lord to provide.—Mrs. Lillie McCord, Rt. 2, Box 256, Prattville, Ala.

My mother to be healed of rheumatism; a sister to be healed of cancer; our revival; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Bertha Owens, 1108 Long St., Hamilton, Ohio.

Very urgent request.—Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Hazard, Ky.

My work in the City of New York, that God will bless it.—Evangelist N. S. Heastie, 1840 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Healing of our baby's body of affliction of the spine.—Clarence E. Ayers, Coral Ridge, Ky.

God to undertake in revival; to provide way for financial obligations to be met.—C. W. Cole and wife, Chokoloskee, Fla.

God to take the desire for strong drink away from my boys and brother; my brother to be healed.—Mrs. D. A. Gilley, Rt. 3, Cedartown, Ga.

Sister Nannie Berry to be healed of indigestion.—Drucillar Marcus, R. F. D. 1, Demorest, Ga.

The healing of my body of neuralgia, afflicted breast. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Lillie Pierce, Rt. 1, Harrisburg, Ark.

Healing of my body of some kind of severe spells; unspoken request; drawn closer to God; to be able to work for Him.—Mrs. Nora Harmon, Rt. 1, Box 23, Isola, Miss.

Unspoken request; that God will be my guide.—Miss Catherine Pittman, Rt. 2, Box 67, Homerville, Ga.

My husband to be drawn closer to God; my baby to be healed; me to get closer to the Lord; for a man who has T. B., also that he be saved.—Ruby Moore, Cherry Valley, Ark.

The healing of my mother's eyes which are almost out. Fasting, an anointed cloth, and encouraging letters appreciated; for me and my companion. My mother's address is Mrs. Pearl Cross, Iron City, Ga.—Mrs. Samie Wiggins, Jesup, Ga.

Lord to send a revival; the evangelist and her husband; our pastor to be healed; me to draw closer to God; more faith.—Silas D. Smith, clerk, St. George, W. Va.

God to heal my body; unspoken requests.—J. T. Lanier, Blacksburg, S. C.

Healing of my body.—Annie M. Lagle, Bessemer, Ala.

My body to be completely healed of nervousness; better experience with the Lord; stepson and family to be saved. —Sister Alice Hockett, 176 Fair Oaks, Sacramento, Calif.

To overcome temptations; husband and children to be saved; healing of my body.—Mrs. Bertie Ivey, 107 New St., York, S. C.

To do the Lord's will and learn to read His Word better.—Milburn Snyder, Clyde, N. C.

Friends to be saved; unspoken request. Will appreciate letters. — Miss Curtie Mooney, 308 Maple St., Pulaski, Va.

To be healed of inward goitre; victory over an unspoken request.—Mrs. Gladys Hedrick, Box 13, Whitmer, W. Va.

To receive the Holy Ghost. Fast, if you feel led.—Mrs. Oney Bohon, St. George, W. Va.

God to save my husband; to provide for us; my body to be healed; more faith.—Lucretia Proctor, Danville, Ky.

For little work at Stuttgart, Ark., in needy field, the enemy is working hard; for our sick boy.—Lee and Lucy Green, Stuttgart, Ark.

Wife to be healed of kidney trouble and high blood pressure; my tonsils to be healed; us to be in God's will; more faith.—Wiley E. Wright, c|o W. C. Brown, Rt. 2, Henning, Tenn.

To be healed of goitre on my neck.—Mrs. A. J. Wiggins, 1600 S. Church St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

The healing of my husband of stomach trouble and nervousness.—Mrs. Lon Swafford, Westminster, S. C.

To be drawn closer to God; husband to be saved; my body to be healed; sister to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Lucile Dennis, Rt. 1, Box 106, Leeds, Ala.

Revival at Rothsay, Minn.—The Ramsey Band.

Salvation of loved ones; complete healing of my body; revival.—Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Blue Diamond, Ky.

Healing of my body of T. B.; to receive salvation; wife to be saved.—E. P. Dixon, Apopka, Fla.

My body to be healed; salvation.—Lonnie Polson, Knoxville, Tenn.

News From the Mission Field

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deity which is with me has an extraordinary power.

Some Brahmin officers came to see our tarrying meetings. Jesus' Spirit is all powerful. Praise Him. Praise Him . . .

I am doing well . . .

Thomas S. Paradasi.

Chengannur P. O. Travancore State,
South India, Dec. 1, 1938.

Beloved friends,

The above gives you a little idea of what our dear brother is doing for the Lord. There are wonderful opportunities for the Church of God to open up new work in different parts of India and we ask you to pray earnestly that the Lord will use our brother and keep him humble at the feet of Jesus, filled with more power to do His service.

At present Mr. Cook and Mr. Case are at a convention in the city of Madura, which is our first annual general convention for our Tamil field. They have also been in special meetings in Travancore. I shall hope to write soon about the way the Lord is blessing in the work in Travancore. Please do pray much for all the work for we do need much prayer. Remember that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth MUCH."

We pray the Lord's choicest blessings upon every member of the Church of God.—Yours in His glad service, Bertha N. Cook.

P. S.—We call the above mentioned brother (Thomas S. Paradasi) a sanyasi because he goes about in the orange colored clothing like Hindu "holy men" wear. He receives no salary but lives a life of faith; in fact, he will not accept any money nor even touch money. When he travels about, tickets are given him by those who feel to help him. He works in fellowship with the Church of God.—B. N. C.

The Holy Ghost Thrills My Soul

STURGIS, Miss.—I praise the Lord for our pastor, Brother Clyde Gardner. He preached a wonderful sermon one night on the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which led me to light. Praise the Lord. Now I'm in this glorious way and find it joy unspeakable and full of glory. The sweet Spirit of Jesus, which is the Holy Ghost, thrills my soul every day of my life and keeps me singing as I go. I am a member of the dear old Church of God and mean to always be. Thank the Lord. Pray for me, saints, that my life will be a light to some lost soul.—Virginia Jones.

No one who is too weak to carry the cross is strong enough to make the trip to heaven.

CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

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I did not know God, and I had neglected the Bible. I had been in churches where the Word of God had been preached, and at times I had felt the power of God stirring me, but I would not give up. One night before I was captured, after I had committed my crime, I listened to a man preach in a small town in Arkansas. I can't express my feelings of that night. I knew at that time that God was dealing with me but I knew that I would have to serve behind the prison bars if I should give up.

After I was captured and brought here, one day I was thinking and these words came into my mind: "In here you still have a chance to repent but in hell there will be no chance." It rang so in my mind until I asked my cellmate if I could get a Bible, and he wrote the chaplain for me. I received the Bible and began reading and praying to God from my heart. God heard my cry and now I have joy in my soul, so I thank God for a changed heart and a clean mind. I am proud of my Savior who gave His life on the cross and shed His precious blood for me.

I am determined to hold my Savior up to a lost world. I know within myself I can do nothing, but God has power over heaven and earth. I desire your prayers that God will give me greater understanding, and will guide me in His righteousness. I want the whole armor of God, something that will stand through tests and when the world is on fire, because I realize that there will be trials and temptations to withstand. We must bear the cross if we wear the crown. As long as Jesus goes with me, I will go anywhere and have no fear.

I know that our bodies are temples for the Holy Ghost to dwell in and I thank God for sparing my life and giving me His blessings. Too, I know that if a man is given his own way, he will go down to destruction.—Louis Henley, prisoner, Jefferson City, Mo.

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BIG PRICE REDUCTION

The Bible Training School is now in a position to give to the laity and ministry of the Church prices on the Bible Home Study Course lower than at any time previous in the history of the course. This is the lowest price in the history of the school that the laity has been privileged to enroll in the Home Study Department. Why not take advantage at once and send in your application by return mail? Your books will be sent to you within a few short days, and you will be on the road to greater success in Christian work.

New Prices

Old price, $19.50, but now $13.00.

Old terms, $2.00 down and $2.50 per month, but now $1.00 down and $1.50 per month.

Old cash price, $15.00, but now $10.00.

NOTE: Previously the Bible Training School had a group of special representatives who alone were empowered to grant special reduction in prices on the Bible Course, however, through their generosity, kindness, and consideration we also are now privileged to make available these low rates, and are now making the announcement in general.

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Home Study Bible Class of Long Beach, California

Left to right: Beatrice Landenberger, Geneva Boyd, Elmer Boyd, Irene Madison, Viola Walters, Don Sperry.

Why not organize a class in your church? The Bible Training School has several Home Study Bible Classes using the Correspondence books. Just the other day Brother D. G. Phillips of Akron, Ohio sent in a large class from there. At the new low term price most any one could afford to enroll in a Bible Class, so why not start one in your church? The ones finishing the course receive a diploma and the same privileges, services, rights, and material as individual students who are enrolling.

The Assembly recommends that each superintendent of Sunday School, also teachers as far as possible, take the Bible Correspondence Course, 1938 Minutes, page 164. This would be a good time to organize your teachers into a class and give them advantage of this wonderful Bible study while the price is low and the terms are easy.

The Last Prayer Meeting and Who Will be There

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to see Him who sitteth o nthe throne which is *God*. Men and women had rather the rocks and mountains would fall on them and grind them into powder than to encounter the wrath of the Lamb (*Jesus*). *To what desperate misery must men be driven* when they can offer such a dreadful imprecation upon themselves.

Dear reader, have you started to this meeting? You say you hope not, but dear ones, it is not what we hope about this matter, but it is the manner of our everyday life which will and does decide this big question. *Stop, think, look, listen*, be sure you avoid this one big prayer meeting. Multitudes will be crying for the mountains and rocks to fall on them, and too late, at last too late. Now is the time to escape the wrath of the Lamb and to get to where we will want to see Him. Soon the door of opportunity for you, my friend, will close, never to open again and how sad it will be if you are one among the many who will attend this prayer meeting. Only one door of escape for you. Jesus is the door by which you may escape, John 10:7-9. "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. "If we *confess* our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," 1 John 1:9. Jesus said if we would come He would not cast us out, John 6:37. "Won't you accept Him, dear sinner friend? tomorrow may be too late; who knows what tomorrow may bring. It will be too late for multitudes and how sad it will be. Won't you now accept Him and refuse to attend this last great prayer meeting?

May God bless each reader of this little message.

Young People's Department

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of disease.

The next character to be revealed is Antichrist. He will cause craft to prosper and destroy many souls with peace for one year. Dan. 8:25; Rev. 6:2.

From all indications the beast must be Antiochus Epiphanes who cruelly slaughtered the Jews in 170 B. C. It is also believed that the false prophet will be Judas Iscariot. I have been told that Russia has erected an image to Judas Iscariot already. After the year of peace there will be wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, lightnings and many other things. Last, but not least, the rapture will take place at the revealing of the Antichrist. "We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Hallelujah.

NOTICES

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bought way.—A brother in Christ, Waldon Asher, Girdler, Ky.

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We praise God for being with us since the close of the Assembly. Many things have been different than was planned or even expected, but through it all we could see God's hand guiding. Some forty have been saved and several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We have been working in Illinois but expect to go Tennessee about the last of March or the first of April. Anyone in that state wishing our service, please write us at Jasonville, Ind., c|o F. Puckett, for appointments. Pray for us.—Evangelist and Mrs. Archie F. McWilliams.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Kentucky: For December Bernards Sunday School won the Sunday School banner with an increase of 35 per cent. Corbin came a close second with a 34 per cent increase and Stringtown took third place with a 31.5 per cent increase and there were a number just under that. All schools made a small increase for December.

Ravenna won the Y. P. E. banner. They are surely doing things at Ravenna and all of us are taking new interest in the Y. P. E. Dear old Kentucky is coming to the front with her young people. —L. S. Cooper, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent.

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The first district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at the Spartanburg, S. C. Church of God Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11, 12, beginning Saturday night at 7:00 o'clock. This is a new district and most of the churches on the district are small, but we are growing. We especially invite every one in the state and we are surely counting on our neighboring districts to come be with us on this date. We assure you a hearty welcome. Please plan now to attend. Our leader we have selected for the convention doesn't attend dry conventions. Who? Jesus. We will be His servants on this occasion to do whatever He bids. Come be with us. Brother Robert Johnson, our state superintendent, will be with us.—C. F. Grant, district superintendent, Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Notice to the Church of God of New Mexico, Colorado and Utah: We are at Hobbs, N. Mex. at present. We will be here in charge of the local church until after our state ministers' meeting which convenes here at Hobbs, Feb. 22-24. Please do not miss this meeting, especially the ministers. Quite a lot of important matters will be discussed and dispensed with. Following this meeting will be seven months of the very best part of our assembly year to make things count. Therefore, we are outlining a program for your consideration that will be equal to the occasion which will, if properly adhered to and carried out, result in the greatest year yet for the Church in New Mexico. Immediately following this we go to Colorado for a convention, date and place to be announced later.—S. J. Wood, state overseer of New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, Box 1673, Hobbs, N. Mex.

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To the members of the Church of God in the Northwest: Sister Hughes Morehead of Minot, N. Dak., Box 520, has been appointed Northwest camp ground treasurer and all pledges on camp ground are to be sent to her. Each local pastor advise your church of this change in the Northwest camp ground treasurer, and urge that all pledges be paid at once. Sister Stromwold has faithfully served in this capacity for several years and has asked that she be given a rest.

Special notice to all clerks and pastors in North Dakota: Sister Hughes Morehead has also been appointed state mission treasurer of North Dakota and all home mission funds of North Dakota are to be sent to her.

Notice to all Young People's Endeavors and Sunday Schools in North Dakota: A. J. Rafferty of Lignite, N. Dak. has been appointed state superintendent of the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of North Dakota.

Special notice to all clerks and pastors of South Dakota: Brother Bert Meyer of Mobridge, S. Dak. has been reappointed state mission treasurer of South Dakota and all home mission funds should be sent direct to him.

Special notice to all Young People's Endeavors and Sunday Schools of South Dakota: Alvin H. Thompson of Gettysburg, S. Dak. has been appointed state superintendent of the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of South Dakota.—D. C. Boatwright, overseer of North and South Dakota.

STATE OVERSEERS

All state overseers please favor us with your new address, giving street address, box number and where you can be reached by the nearest telephone.

Thank you very kindly. — J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

COUCH

Brother A. B. Couch, faithful member of the Church of God at Saul, Ky., died Jan. 8, 1939; age seventy-nine years. —Clark Napier, pastor, Saul, Ky.

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FREEMAN

Sister C. L. Freeman, charter member of the Charlotte, N. C. church, died Jan. 12, 1939; age seventy-three years. —W. M. Stallings, pastor.

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JOHNSON

Wylie Johnson, faithful member of the Church of God at Fort Mill, S. C., died Oct. 17, 1938; age twenty-one years, two months and four days.—Fred W. Barfield, McBee, S. C.

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WEBSTER

Brother Squire Webster, faithful deacon of the Church of God at Marked Tree, Ark., died Jan. 7, 1939; age seventy-two years.—Mrs. J a k e Blake, Marked Tree, Ark.

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BARCHE

Brother Louie Barche, faithful member of the Church of God, died Dec. 29, 1938; age sixty-six years.—A. G. Phillips, pastor, Olney, Ill.

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BIGGS

Elsworth Biggs, son of D. A. Biggs, pastor at Townsend, Tenn. Church of God, died Jan. 3, 1939; age twenty years. Please pray for our family, it seems more than we can bear.—His sister, Bessie Jones, 135 S. Cruze St., Knoxville, Tenn.

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GRANT

Sister Anita Grant of Turks Island, B. W. I. and member of the East Street church, died Jan. 15, 1939.—Deacon Albert Ingraham of City church, Box 108, Grants Town, Nassau, Bah.

Saint Louis

We're glad to report the work here in this great city. The world looks down upon us now with wrinkled noses and scornful words, but God has promised to bring forth our righteousness as the noonday. The church has grown in every department. Our Sunday School has increased the attendance in services, our Bible discussion has interested many, finance has increased and the shouts ring louder and clearer. Our watch night service was a great success. We worshipped God in sacrament and washing the saints' feet, no one slept!

We have just enjoyed a visit from our state overseer, and I believe the church has the greatest courage and blessing it ever possessed. We have a special request for you to pray about, please remember to mention it in your petition.

Remember us! And if you are passing by at any time, come over and help us. If you've seen fire in the bush, got the burden, and willing to preach in a wasp nest of doctrines and beliefs, come to St. Louis.—C. E. French, pastor, 4319 Norfolk Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

How the Church is Moving On

The elders met in conference as in James 4:11 on Nov. 28, 1938. Since the conference we have a new pastor, Ed. Larmin of Coney. He arrived here on Dec. 11 and took over the work. He encourages us very much, He left to go to the great accident of their daughter who died on the train. The church was crowded with people Christmas night. One soul was saved. On Monday night one soul was saved. On Tuesday our pastor and wife arrived from their long, tiresome journey. On Wednesday night our pastor and wife talked and we had some brief testimonies. Another soul was saved. Praise the Lord, glory hallelujah, three souls saved for the week! On Dec. 31 we had an all-night service which started from 9:00 p. m., conducted by Elder Larmin. There were songs and remarks. The following were speakers: Sister J. Hales, Brother I. Spencer, Sister M. Walters, Mother C. Edwards, Brother W. Rhoden, Brother Z. Green, Brother Z. Powell, Supt. L. Robertson, Pastor Larmin sang and made some remarks. He encouraged the unsaved. At 1:00 a. m. we had testimony service. Altar call was made, the saints consecrating themselves. We had good behavior from the unsaved, having an enthusiasm to be saved. Service closed with the hymn, "Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Evening Tide."

Pray for me, that during the year I will be steadfast and loyal in Jesus' name. —C. Philip Scott, clerk, Mt. Providence, Wood Hall P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

No one is doing so much for the world as he who is trying to save it.

Fellowship

To begin the new year the Cantwell, Mo., district gathered at Cantwell to create a greater fellowship and arm themselves for the greatest year of the Church in this part of the country. Dictionaries aren't made large enough to contain the words that would express the blessings enjoyed there in that service. Messages were brought forth, prayers were prayed, praises were offered, songs were sung, offerings were taken, in fact, everything that makes up a "good, old time, Holy Ghost service."

First we honored God for giving us His Son and showing us mercy, then Brother Sumpter, our district overseer, and we manifested our honor and appreciation for our state overseer by raising funds for his new suit. We show him honor for his work's sake.

Sermonettes were given by the coworkers over the district, and a praise service conducted by Sister Stringer. The message of reproof and instruction was delivered by Brother Marcum. If we don't live better after this message, it's just because our hearts weren't receptive, or our ears heavy.

If everybody had fellowship with me, they left with the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, the courage of David, and the determination of Job. We can gain ground, we can do all things through Christ, and though He slays we will trust and not be afraid. Bless His name.—C. E. French.

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Children Healed of Pneumonia

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my children of pneumonia I would testify of it. He came on the scene and wonderfully healed my baby, age four months, of bronchial pneumonia in his right lung, when it looked like it was just impossible for him to get well. He was healed on Monday and my little girl, four years old, took double pneumonia on Tuesday and all she asked for was someone to pray for her. We held on to God for her until she was healed. I feel like if I pass the good news along of how good God is to us, it may encourage someone else to trust Jesus for his all.

I am glad I am saved, sanctified, filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and feel like going on. Bless His good name. Pray for me, I need your prayers badly, that I may stay in the center of His will, and pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Mildred Rawson, 107 Jackson St.

There is no title that carries with it such high honor as that of servant, or means so much, if the one who bears it really and truly is what the name signifies in the New Testament.